

HOW THE JOURNAL'S SPECIAL WRITERS VIEW THE SITUATION.

HILL AN INSPIRATION.

Don M. Dickinson Tells of the Senator's Value in the Fight for a Gold Standard.



BY DON M. DICKINSON.

Chicago, July 5.—It is a comfort and an inspiration for all good men here to have a great leader from New York like David Bennett Hill. He is tactful, resourceful, patient and industrious, and he seems perfectly tireless.

Mr. Cleveland has here good workers in conventions, and it is a pleasure to see them acting as Mr. Hill's trusted lieutenants and glorying in his magnificent leadership.

The Democratic party will ultimately come out of this crisis rejuvenated and stronger than ever. The Southern people will evolve new and more representative leaders. The average of their old Confederate leaders of the present convention in point of intelligence, patriotism and ability is below the average of the people of this generation of the new South.

The Northern people here have the greatest respect for Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, while Senator Blackburn, if he gave more attention to State questions, would be a leading statesman, as he is now the champion of the South.

GOLD ADVOCATES ARE GLOOMY MEN.

Again There Is Talk of a Possible Bolt from the Convention.

Ben Cable Declares Silverites Have Everything Their Own Way.

The Silver Mania, He Says, Is Worse Than the Grip, and Will Grow.

Predicts That It Will Be as Dominant in the East as It Is To-day in the West.

HILL COMMANDS THE GOLD FORCES.

He Will Be the Choice of the National Committee for Temporary Chairman—Another Depressing Conference of Yellow Metal Advocates Held.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 5.—The most significant development in the situation relative to the Eastern gold men is their practical abandonment to-day of all efforts to secure any modification of the prospective free silver platform and their determination to make themselves felt when the question of the selection of a candidate arises.

Senator Hill is in command. He sits in his room at the Palmer House receiving visitors from both gold and silver cham-

plions. All the other Easterners are lieutenants, and there is no disposition on any one's part to question either Mr. Hill's capacity or right to lead. His consent yesterday to lead the gold men in the convention and make himself a target of the silver men has aroused much comment and discussion in the ranks of the latter.

The chief interest in the gold camp to-night centres on this point. The silver men must decide whether or not they will accept Mr. Hill, and they are divided. The conservative silver men, those who are unalterably pledged to a free coinage platform, but who at this time do not experience the feeling of antagonism toward the East felt by the extreme silver enthusiasts, do not object to Mr. Hill. They say that Mr. Hill will be true to his famous motto, "I am a Democrat." They say that if he is made the temporary chairman of the convention he may be relied upon to make a Democratic speech. They concede the probability of his explaining his views on the monetary situation, but they declare that his language will be courteous and of such a character that no exception to it can be taken by the most rabid silverites present.

Touching Elbows, Says Whitney.

The gold men, in their investigations to-day, discovered another element in the free silver ranks, an element that frowns upon any concession to the East that insists upon dominating the convention, not only in the financial disposition of affairs, but in the preliminary work as well. Mr. Hill's friends are confident, however, that the tolerant faction will prevail. On this point Don M. Dickinson said: "There seems to be no doubt that Mr. Hill will be the candidate of the National Committee for the temporary chairmanship. In my judgment he will be easily elected through the assistance of the Southern silver men." The workers for the Eastern cause have felt much encouraged to-day because of

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"NO SURRENDER," SAYS HILL!

The New York Leader Makes a Masterly Review of the Position for the Journal's Readers.



BY DAVID B. HILL.

Chicago, July 5.—Two courses are open to the convention. One is an ultra aggressive and offensive course; the other is a moderate, safe and customary one.

It looks to-night as though the "Extremists," who are in the saddle, have determined upon the former course and will attempt to control the convention in a manner which will weaken rather than strengthen the party.

They propose, if possible, to secure the temporary chairmanship and deprive the National Committee of the usual and customary privilege of naming that official.

They propose to capture the Michigan delegation by arbitrarily ousting the delegates from two or three districts and seating silver men in their places, although there can properly be no such thing tolerated as district contests in a National Democratic Convention.

In the Republican conventions there are district contests, because the unit of representation is the district, but National Democratic conventions, recognizing the sovereignty of the States, admit only delegates chosen by the State Conventions and have no jurisdiction to take up district contests.

The object of such an unprecedented proceeding in the Michigan case is to secure a two-thirds vote without abrogating the two-thirds rule. If this course is persisted in, it will probably lead to a bitter and exciting contest in the convention.

It is safe to predict that the two-thirds rule will be sustained.

Every effort will be made by the Eastern delegates to moderate the demands of the platform. There are some indications that the Committee on Resolutions will be composed of the best and most discreet silver men from many of the States, and, if so, a reasonable and not an ultra platform may be anticipated.

The silver forces are divided as to their choice of candidates, no one candidate preponderating very much over any other. Those friends who are opposed to silver monometallism in the North and East are standing shoulder to shoulder and working unitedly together to accomplish good results. They are not discouraged, not cast down. They appreciate the gravity of the situation and the dangers which confront the Democratic party.

Further consultations to-morrow, renewed efforts and appeals to reason may greatly strengthen our lines.

There will be no dishonorable compromise; there will be no abject surrender. Every inch will be fairly and honorably contested until the Convention shall finally adjourn.

DAVID B. HILL.

WHITNEY DEFIES THE SILVER MEN.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 6, 1 a. m.—At the conference of the gold leaders held in Mr. Whitney's parlor at the Auditorium Hotel last night, Mr. Whitney made a speech which by its defiant character is considered to mean but one thing—a bolt.

Mr. Whitney led off by explaining to newcomers the work of last Friday night. He stated that the gold men on Friday night were confronted with the revolutionary designs of the silver men, led by Altgeld; that these designs were first, that the silver men had proposed to force their way through, and to do so had decided, first, to hold a caucus to nominate a candidate for President outside of the convention; second, to abrogate the two-thirds rule; third, to fire out as many gold delegates as could be fired on any pretext; fourth, to violate every precedent of the party by refusing to accept the chairman chosen by the National Committee.

Mr. Whitney, after making this quick review, stated that to-night it was obvious that the silver men had been given a distinct set-back—that public sentiment had compelled the silver leaders to abandon some of their revolutionary tactics. The proposed caucus had failed. The abrogation of the two-thirds rule was abandoned. The scheme to reject the National Committee's choice for chairman had fallen through, according to the best information obtainable.

All these things, said Mr. Whitney, indicated a change of sentiment attributable in most part to the valiant work of the gold men since their arrival, backed by purer Democratic sentiment the country over. Mr. Whitney said it was a step forward which had not been hoped for on Friday night, when the situation was gloomy for gold.

He thought the conservative, fair-minded silver men resented the leadership of Altgeld. But the conspiracy was still on, and a graver danger was now to be fought, and fought fiercely. Whitney said the last desperate hope of Altgeld and Tillman was to use the Committee on Credentials and to throw out gold delegates enough to complete the necessary two-thirds. This one part of the original conspiracy was now in progress. In desperation the silver leaders had decided to tyrannically and unjustly steal votes enough to carry out their plans.

At Whitney's suggestion the conference considered all the contests which will go before the Credentials Committee. The Michigan case was presented by E. G. Stevenson, and so convincing was his statement that Whitney arose and said: "If the Michigan gold delegates are thrown out it will be a act of revolution."

"If these men are refused admission to the convention it means, so far as the Democratic organization is concerned, nothing less than chaos and anarchy."

"I take it for granted that no man in this room would ever submit to such a subordination of the country's welfare and the integrity of the Democratic party."

The cheers which greeted Whitney's defiant utterances indicated that the conference. The Stevenson statement of the Michigan case aroused the gold men to indignation and revolt. Each speaker, including Whitney, was careful not to use the word "bolt," but Whitney's words were full of war.

KEY IN GOLD HANDS.

Amos J. Cummings Says That the Yellow Money Men Ought to Control the Situation.



BY AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

Chicago, July 5.—It is a fight between hornets and yellow jackets. The hornets are in far superior numbers. They are blue-winged fellows, with slender, supple bodies, and they use their stings as a Paynim would handle a Damascus blade. They come from the West and from the South, in eager swarms, wild for a contest with the yellow jackets. Among them are Joe Blackburn, Jones, of Arkansas; White, of California; Pugh, of Alabama; Harris and McMillin, of Tennessee; De Armond, of Missouri; Egan P. Howell and Pat Walsh, of Georgia; Senator Daniel, of Virginia; Joe Bailey, of Texas, and scores of younger insects who have had no opportunity to use their stings.

An aged hornet from Iowa flew over here on Saturday, but was badly stung by Illinois hornets that he recrossed the river and settled down on a farm near Waterloo, sadder if not wiser than when he can the buzzing of a second hornet is heard at Lebanon. Appearances indicate that his sting will be felt without a visit to Chicago.

The yellow jackets are lusty fellows, with buff jerkins and velvet legs. So far they seem to have stung nobody. They come from the East and the Middle States. Their uniforms are brighter than those of the hornets, and just now they are making the most noise. The humming and buzzing, however, will not become interminable until to-morrow, when the National Committee will select a temporary presiding officer for the convention. He will be David B. Hill, a well-known yellow jacket, whose disposition is pacific rather than otherwise. All the great yellow jackets, like William C. Whitney, Roswell P. Flower, William E. Russell and James J. Martin, heartily endorse this selection.

How the hornets will take it, however, is another matter. Many of them are elevating their wings and trying the temper of their stings to-night. Others are more peaceably disposed. They look upon Hill as a yellow jacket with blue wings, and advocate a fair showing for him. They recall his magnificent past, and speak of him as Frenchmen spoke of Macdonald after his magnificent charge at Wagram. Napoleon had not spoken to him for years, and yet selected him to pierce the Austrian lines at the head of 16,000 troops, while 175,000 watched this human wedge do its work in awe and astonishment. Hill's heroic services ought to secure him fair treatment and indulgent consideration, but the fiery section of the hornets is in control, and a deadly warfare may ensue as soon as the chaplain concludes his prayer. This determination will be known to-morrow night.

As for Presidential candidates, any man can make a prediction. Bland seems to be in the lead. It may be Bland and McLean, or Bland and McLean, or Teller and McLean. And there is a chance that all of these tubs may be upset and McLean land on top. Much depends upon the action of the yellow jackets. If they remain in the convention, they undoubtedly will, they ought to hold the key to the situation on a "more money and less misery" platform.

Meantime there is a close cloud on the horizon of all the candidates. It is an effort to place in the field the name of A. H. Garland, President Cleveland's former Attorney-General. His honesty and undoubted ability, to say nothing of his recent remarkable silver letter, will make him formidable as a compromise candidate if the fight becomes bitter and hot.

DANIEL FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 5.—Senatorial Committee held a meeting late to-night, at which the declaration Senator White to be a candidate for temporary chairmanship was received, and was finally decided to select Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and present him to the National Committee as the selection of the silver forces for the